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Fancy dress event raises funds for heroes

Numbers on the rise for local Scout movement

Parish council seeks teens' input for community project

BURSCOUGH Parish Council is looking for teenagers to help them make a difference to the community by joining a youth project.

The council has set aside £30,000 towards the development of facilities for young people - such as a youth shelter or towards a skateboard park - and wants youngsters aged 14 to 19 to help them design the facilities and plan activities.

Tess Reddington from the council said: "There will be a regular meeting where members of the group plan and develop activities that all young adults in Burscough can join in. They will work with designers to develop capital projects such as a skateboard park, or whatever is decided on.

"They will make their own plans, learn to write bids, raise funds and make things happen. They will give their opinion about grants that the parish council may make for youth activities, and comment on what they want money to be spent on.

Opportunity

"A facilitator will be appointed to lead the group but to ensure we find the right person we would like the members of the group to be involved in making that appointment."

Parish councillor Julie Atherton added: "We are really pleased to say that initial responses have been fabulous but we are still looking for more 14 to 19-year-olds to contribute to designing and implementing services and facilities here in Burscough.

"This is a great opportunity for any young person to be actively involved in making a difference."

If you are aged 14 to 19 and would like to get involved, go along to The Grove Youth & Community Centre on Station Approach at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25; or for more information you can email admin@burscoughpc.org.uk; text 07518 347 559; or call Tess on 01704 894914.

FOOTBALL STADIUM PLAN REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT

Report by **Henry James**

An artist's impression of how the proposed new ground will look

PROPOSALS for Burscough FC's new stadium have been referred by West Lancashire Borough Council's planning committee to the Secretary of State.

Chequer Properties has submitted the application to create a main covered stand with 480 seats; a two-storey clubhouse; and a secondary covered stand on the eastern side of the pitch.

The proposed ground would be next to the club's current Victoria Park pitch.

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "Planning application (2015/0904/FUL Burscough AFC Victoria Park Mart Lane) was not determined at the planning committee on Thursday, April 13 because the application needs to be referred to the Secretary of State.

"The committee agreed that if the Secretary of State is happy for the application to be determined by the borough council, the decision to grant planning permission be delegated to the director of development and regeneration in consultation with the chairman or vice-chairman of the planning committee.

"This would be subject to the applicant entering into a legal agreement to secure the submission of an annual car parking strategy and the use of the wintering bird mitigation land in perpetuity.

"The planning permission would also be subject to the conditions outlined in the report. Condition three prohibits the construction of the new access until the new stadium is completed and ready for use."

However the referral was welcomed by Burscough FC officials who are working with Chequer Properties on the proposals.

Club chairman, Mike Swift, commented: "We are delighted at the decision. It's a very positive milestone in the proud heritage of BFC and for contemporary developments in the village, especially football at many levels.

"We look forward to working with the authority and forward thinking partners in building a healthy future."

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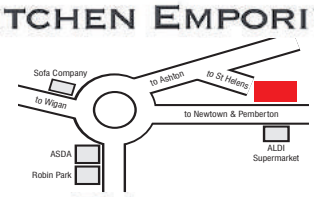

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Residents can sign up now for council's paid-for green bin collection scheme

Current free service set to end on June 2

RESIDENTS who wish to use West Lancashire Borough Council's chargeable garden waste collection service from June 5 can sign up and pay from today (Wednesday, April 19).

The council has said residents who sign up before May 15 will be guaranteed no interruption to their service, which will continue as normal on a fortnightly basis.

The controversial charges will apply from June 5. It will cost £30 per year for one green bin to be emptied.

Householders will also be able to have additional green bins emptied at a cost of £25 each, per year and additional bins can also be purchased if needed.

The council says the quickest and most convenient way to sign up and pay is via the council website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/gardenwaste. Residents who don't have access to the Internet can ring 01695 577 177.

Benefits

Residents can choose whether or not to use the garden waste collection service after the free service ends on June 2.

Those who decide not to sign up and pay will be able to dispose of garden waste at household waste recycling centres, or compost it.

The council will be delivering a leaflet to every household in the borough giving information about the changes. Information is also provided at the website address listed above.

Residents can sign up now for the West Lancs Council's new chargeable green waste collection service.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancs Council's director of Street Scene Services, said: "Residents who sign up and pay can enjoy the benefits of using the service on a fortnightly basis as well as helping to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and contributing towards protecting the environment."

The green bin charge was introduced by the Labour-run council as a measure to help bridge the savings gap in the authority's budget.

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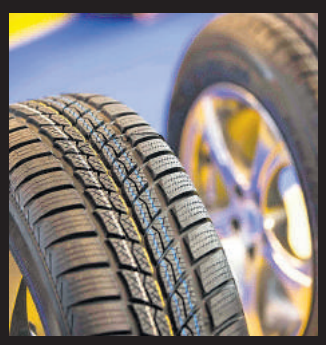

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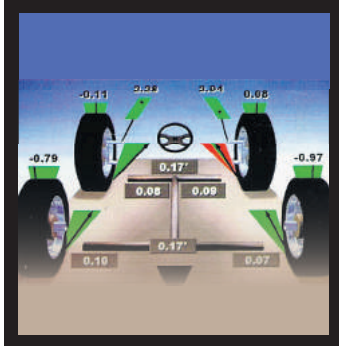

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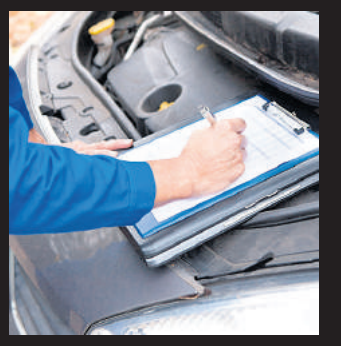

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Mum wins appeal over parking fine and alerts other motorists to 10-minute rule

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A WOMAN who successfully appealed a parking fine imposed for overstaying her allotted time by 10 minutes at a car park in Ormskirk town centre is advising other drivers to be on their guard.

Teacher Lucy Moreton parked her car at the Two Saints car park while shopping in the town, paying for a two-hour stay and making sure that she returned within the allotted time.

However, a few days later she was shocked when a Notice of Parking Charge dropped through her letterbox informing her that her car had been photographed entering the car park and leaving it two hours and 10 minutes later.

Lucy worked out that the period by which she had allegedly overstayed was the time it took her to park up, buy a ticket and put her eight-month-old son into his buggy, plus the time she spent loading the car with shopping and leaving the car park.

And the 33-year-old mum from Parbold says that she appealed the fine as it isn't obvious that you are charged from before you have parked up.

As a result, her charge was cancelled as operators Parking Eye - as members of the British Parking Association - are legally required to give customers at least 10 minutes' grace.

Lucy Moreton with her son

Research

Lucy told the Champion: "I am aware of this particular car park's reputation for catching people out so I carefully read the sign.

"To me, it wasn't really clear in terms of whether or not one was expected to buy or display a ticket, so to be sure I paid for two hours and made sure I got back on time.

"However, it isn't made clear when you go to buy a ticket that you are already being timed from entering the car park, so it's very misleading.

"When I got the Notice of Parking Charge it said it was £60 if paid in the first 10 days after which it goes up to £100 - which is hardly a fair representation of any money that they might have 'lost'.

"It was very busy when I went to leave so I had to briefly queue to exit too. But my space was now free for someone else to use so that should have no bearing on their loss of income.

"I decided to appeal the ticket. After undertaking some research on the Internet and using online forums, which were very helpful, I realised that many people, like me, had been caught out by Parking Eye.

"I want to inform Champion readers that, as members of the British Parking Association, Parking Eye, by law, have to give customers at least 10 minutes' grace. I have since had my parking charge cancelled."

A spokesperson for Parking Eye said: "We encourage people who have received a parking charge to appeal if they think there are mitigating circumstances. In this case, the driver appealed and upon assessment of her case we have cancelled the charge."

Michael Durgan (wearing cap) and staff from Proud House Events present their cheque to Barbara Luther-Davies and Ian Williams of Help for Heroes

Fancy dress fun night boost for military charity

A FUN military-themed event for students at a nightclub in Ormskirk raised £250 for a charity for British servicemen and women who have been wounded or injured in the line of duty.

Michael Durgan from Proud House Events, an events management and promotion company based at Beaconsfield Court in Ormskirk, organised Go Commando, a fancy dress event featuring guest DJs aimed at students at Alpine Club Lodge.

Help For Heroes Help for Heroes supports those with injuries and illnesses sustained while serving in the British Armed Forces and provides support for their families as well.

Michael Durgan presented the cheque to Barbara Luther-Davies and Ian Williams from Help for Heroes outside the Railway Road venue on Tuesday (April 18).

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Campaigner calls on landowners to say 'no' to fracking

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN anti-fracking campaigner from Halsall is urging landowners in West Lancashire to ensure that their property is not used for the controversial oil and gas extraction technique.

Maureen Mills, chair of Halsall Against Fracking and a member of Frack Free Lancashire, was one of a number of campaigners who vowed to continue their fight against fracking in Lancashire, despite a government decision in October to allow it to continue.

In a landmark ruling, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, gave permission for fracking to go ahead at a site near Little Plumpton. The minister upheld an appeal by gas and oil company Cuadrilla against Lancashire County Council's decision last year to refuse permission for the company to frack at the site and another at Roseacre Wood, on the grounds of noise and traffic impact.

The decision could have a long-term impact on sites in West Lancashire where Aurora have a licence to explore for shale gas.

Maureen told the Champion: "We have teamed up with Frack Free Formby, Frack Free Burscough, Frack Free Southport, New Frack Free Skelmersdale, Frack Free Wigan, Leigh & Makerfield and Frack Free Lancashire to make landowners across Lancashire and Merseyside aware of what they would be signing up to if they give up their land.

"Aurora will be looking to acquire land which will be pivotal to their planning application for exploratory drilling.

"The Church Commissioners have undertaken to advise Halsall Against Fracking if they are approached and they have confirmed that they have not been.

"The agricultural heritage of our area would be decimated by this industry, our infrastructure simply cannot support such an industrialised scenario.

"Once land has been acquired, UK law allows drilling to take place without requiring the landowner's consent. The Infrastructure Act 2015 removed the requirement for companies to obtain your permission to drill under land or property at depths of 300 metres or more from the surface. In addition, mineral rights do not belong to landowners in the UK, they belong to the state.

"Before a planning application can be submitted, it will be necessary for Aurora to lease or buy land for their exploration. It is for this reason that we are appealing to all landowners to think long and hard if they are approached by Aurora, or any company on their behalf, to acquire or lease their land."

Maureen Mills (left) and Carol Young from Halsall Against Fracking at a demonstration last year

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Budding thespians invited to free taster session

WOULD-be young performers aged 12 to 18 are being urged to try a taster session with a local theatre company.

The Rose Youth Theatre Company, based at The Arts Centre at Edge Hill University, are seeking new members and are holding a free taster session on Wednesday, April 26 from 7 to 9pm.

No previous experience is required for the open workshop, which will include dance, acting and singing.

Edge Hill primary education student, Emma Shanks, who runs the group alongside choreographer and dance graduate, James Bowling, said: "We would love to get more local young people involved with the Rose Youth Theatre as we work towards our annual summer performance, which this year is A Collection of Twisted Tales, a re-telling of classic fairytales."

The group meet on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm with sessions costing £5 each. Members are given the opportunity to develop new skills using state-of-the-art facilities and benefit from industry-level expertise.

The Rose Youth Theatre was set up in partnership with West Lancashire Borough Council, working towards performances at The Arts Centre's Studio and Rose Theatres.

To book a place on the free taster session call 01695 584480 or email artscentre@edgehill.ac.uk.

£2,000-plus donated to charity in memory of tragic diver Carole

MORE than £2,000 has been donated to charity in memory of a much-loved mother-of-four who died in a tragic accident while scuba diving off the coast of Northumberland earlier this month.

51-year-old Carole Linda Edwards was diving around the Farne Islands with fellow members of the Phoenix Sub Aqua Club, based in Skelmersdale, on Sunday, April 2, when she was reported missing after failing to resurface from a dive.

Her body was recovered three hours later and although she was given medical attention by the RNLI, she was declared dead shortly afterwards.

Donations were taken at her funeral at St James' Church in Westhead last week and were also dropped in at MLS Independent Funeral Directors on Moss Delph Lane in Aughton.

The total, which has already reached £2,144, will be split between the RNLI and the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Former London Olympic Games lifeguard, Carole, who was also a swimming teacher at Park Pool in Ormskirk, leaves behind partner Neil, 51, children William, 24 and Rosie, 21 and stepchildren James, 24, and Helena, 22.

If you would like to add to the donations made in Carole's memory, please drop a donation in to MLS Independent Funeral Directors or call 01695 424888.

Carole Edwards, who died while diving off the North East coast

TV licence alert to borough's canal boat dwellers

CANAL boat owners in West Lancashire who live on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal are being urged to make sure that they are correctly licensed to watch TV after regulations changes at the end of last year.

More than a quarter of today's 33,000 boats moored on UK waterways are used as primary residences as opposed to ten years ago when it was just 10% of 31,000 boats.

Now TV Licensing is urging boat dwellers to ensure they are correctly licensed as, by law, residential boat owners need a TV licence to watch live television, or catch up TV on BBC iPlayer.

This is true no matter what device is used, how the programmes are received, or whether the boat is cruising or moored.

Matthew Thompson, spokesperson for TV Licensing, said: "A life afloat has become an appealing option for many, so it is important boat owners understand the same rules apply when it comes to watching TV.

"We don't want anyone to be caught out of their depth if they are found watching live TV, or BBC programmes on iPlayer, on board without a valid licence.

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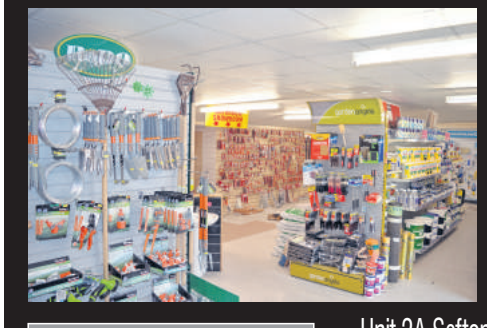

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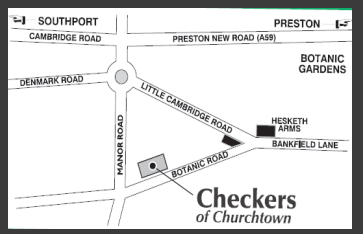

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Burscough company in running for national safety awards double

Report by **Henry James**

A WEST Lancs-based company is in the running to score at the double in a national safety awards scheme.

Bachy Soletanche Ltd., of Langley Place, Burscough was named winner in the Construction and Property Services category of the International Safety Awards 2016.

Now the company, which carries out ground engineering work, has been shortlisted in the same category in this year's awards.

Winners in each of nine Sector Award categories will be announced at the International Safety Awards Gala Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on Friday, May 5.

This year, 533 organisations achieved a pass or a higher achievement in the British Safety Council's prestigious International Safety Award scheme.

Of these 39 have been shortlisted by the panel of adjudicators as deserving candidates for the sector awards.

Mike Robinson, chief executive of the British Safety Council

Mike Robinson, chief executive of the British Safety Council, said: "On behalf of the trustees and staff of the British Safety Council we warmly congratulate these 39 organisations which have been shortlisted for a sector award.

"This is the fifth year we have presented the sector awards as part of our long-standing International Safety Awards scheme, recognising those that have been judged by our independent adjudicators as outstanding businesses in their sectors.

"This accolade is particularly significant since within the very high standard represented by all winners of the awards, these organisations are examples of best practice in their industries.

"We look forward to announcing the winners of the sector awards and celebrating their achievements with other winners of the International Safety Awards at the Gala Dinner on May 5.

Now in its 59th year, the International Safety Awards scheme celebrates organisations from around the world that have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the scheme's independent judges, their commitment to preventing work-related injuries and ill health during the 2016 calendar year.

Scott Safety, which has a base in Skelmersdale has been shortlisted in the manufacturing category.

Scouts bidding to bag votes in supermarket funding scheme

A SCOUT troop from Ormskirk are appealing for last-minute votes to help them win a grant to transform wasteland next to their headquarters into a community facility.

The 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) group have been shortlisted in the Tesco 'Bags of Help' initiative.

Run in conjunction with national environmental charity, Groundwork, the community funding scheme awards grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 to local community projects every two months from the proceeds of the 5p bag levy.

Three groups in every region are shortlisted to receive awards and shoppers are invited to vote at their local Tesco stores for the group they think should take away the top grant.

Voting in the latest awards finishes at the end of April and the 37th Ormskirk scouts are urging local shoppers to give them the nod.

Anne Gilham from the group said: "This piece of land at the side of our Scout HQ has been left in ruins for about 25 years. Until recently, it was accessible by anyone and was frequently vandalised or used for extremely unsocial activities, including drugs and sexual activity.

"We have children aged six to 14 using our headquarters, and evidence of the activities we used to find there was horrific.

"We have made the area secure, by fencing and gates and anti-vandal paint in the last six months and now want to make it a useable resource for the 175 young people who use it each week.

"We are going to invite members of our parish community, to offer some of their time to work with our young people, sharing gardening skills, growing vegetables and herbs and plants, and helping young and old to come together.

"As it is attached to the parish centre, we are also going to use it in the summer for parish picnics and cream teas, as well as having campfires in an evening."

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The county council provides around 85% of local government services in Lancashire, including fostering and adoption; health and social care; cultural services; recycling; and highways and transport.

Changes

You can find out more about the elections on the county council's website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/elections which includes information on how to register to vote, details of candidates and how to register to get results once the votes have been counted.

Since the last election changes have been made to the boundaries for most electoral divisions, the areas represented by each county councillor. Details on these can also be found the on website.

Hospital trust appoints new interim chief executive

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has appointed a new interim chief executive.

Karen Jackson succeeds Iain McInnes, interim chief executive since August, who is returning to a role with NHS Improvement, the national organisation responsible for overseeing NHS provider trusts.

Karen has most recently been working with NHS Improvement to lead work on improving urgent care service delivery across England.

Before this she was chief executive at North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust and has a professional background in NHS finance. She is a graduate in genetics from the University of Liverpool.

She said: "I am very happy to be joining the team at Southport and Ormskirk. Even in my short time here I have been impressed with the commitment of staff to providing the very best care for patients.

"I look forward to supporting that effort and will be here for as long as the trust needs me."

Iain McInnes said: "I have enjoyed my time working at the trust. There are a lot of dedicated, hard-working staff and it has been a privilege working with them.

"The trust has had many challenges and still has a number to face. It is clear to me that there is a strong commitment to move on and deliver care and a good experience for our patients as we move into a new phase.

"We now have a substantive executive team in place. They are dedicated and experienced people who will lead the trust in the months and years ahead.

"I am confident that, with the addition of Karen, I am leaving the trust in good hands."

Karen officially started in her new role on Monday (April 17).

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Scout movement on the rise in district for 13th year running!

VOLUNTEERS who run Ormskirk and District Scouts have revealed that the organisation has expanded for the 13th year running.

Membership of the Ormskirk branch has now grown to 1,800 members as well as 515 adult volunteers, making it the fourth-largest Scout District in the county. The organisers are aiming to reach a total of 2,000 members by 2018.

Scouts aim to provide a varied programme of fun, challenge and adventure supporting young people to develop their social skills, make friends and enjoy new experiences together, with activities ranging from archery and camping to rock climbing and kayaking.

Scouting is also proving particularly popular with adult volunteers with more people giving up their time in a variety of roles, such as leaders, charity trustees and skills instructor, all of whom help to provide a better start in life for young people and have a positive impact in their communities.

Michelle Durney, who volunteers as a Beaver Scout Leader with the 61st Ormskirk Scout Group at West End Primary School, said: "I became a leader to help young people try new experiences they cannot get anywhere else. My son was in Beavers and it has really helped his confidence and he has moved all the way through the sections and is now a young leader."

Ormskirk and District Scouts is now the fourth largest group in the county

Ormskirk District Commissioner, Richard Charnock, added: "To grow for 13 consecutive years is fantastic and reflects the growing popularity of the Scouting movement nationally. In only 12 months we have seen a large increase in our membership of both young people and adults and we've also seen an 8% increase in girls joining Scouting.

"We also have more than 100 young people on our waiting lists eager to join our adventure. To meet this demand we're already planning to open new sections and groups this year and would love to attract more adult volunteers to work with our young people.

"Through our activities we are equipping young people with skills for life such as teamwork, leadership, independence and decision-making. We offer an exciting and varied programme, ranging from health education, visits to observatories and fire stations, through to canoeing in Greenland, trekking across Mongolia, skiing in Scotland, climbing a first mountain and all things in between."

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Still time to have a say on development of new Local Plan

Residents invited to comment on 'significant topics' that will help shape borough's future

PEOPLE living and working in West Lancashire can still have their say on important early work that will guide how the borough develops in the future.

West Lancs Council is working on a new Local Plan which will cover everything from where new homes, employment sites and retail and leisure facilities should be situated, to policy statements addressing matters such as local services and the environment.

The current Local Plan covers up to 2027 and the council is in the early stages of forming the next plan. It is asking local people to comment on a number of significant topics which will shape how the plan develops.

This is called a Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation and the topics include:

- **How much housing and employment land development will be required each year**
- **What period of time the Local Plan should cover**
- **Scenarios on how new development should be spread across the borough**
- **Consideration of the infrastructure required to support new development**

In total there are five options papers that residents can read and give their views on. They also cover other important issues such as the economy, the environment and social issues such as affordable housing and providing for an ageing population.

Director of development and regeneration John Harrison

John Harrison, the director of development and regeneration, said: "I would urge people living and working in West Lancashire to take part in this consultation as this will influence how the new Local Plan takes shape. We have already had many responses to the consultation but there is still time to have your say, so please get in contact."

The public consultation is running until Friday, April 28 and people can view all the relevant documents and complete the survey form at www.westlancs.gov.uk/local-plan.

If you are unable to access the survey online you can also send comments by email to local-plan@westlancs.gov.uk, or by post to: Local Plan Team, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

Residents can also view the documents at the council offices at 52 Derby St, Ormskirk, and the Customer Service Point at the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale, as well as at libraries in the borough.

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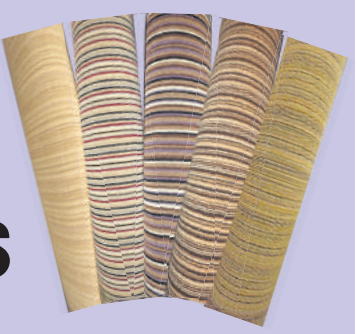

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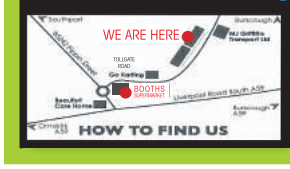

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The group meets every Thursday from 7.15 to 10pm at Ormskirk Rugby Club in Green Lane and anyone of any age wishing to join is welcome to go along, whatever their level of accomplishment, or if they just want to learn how to play the instrument.

Club official, Susan Graves, said: "We are celebrating five great years of ukulele playing with members of all ages and abilities meeting every week to enjoy group singing and the fellowship of making music together in an informal and sociable atmosphere.

"We are in the midst of a ukulele boom - sales are surging and people of all ages are learning to play this fabulous little instrument.

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"If you would like to join us, we offer a welcoming environment for people to develop their ukulele skills.

"It doesn't matter what level of experience or skill you have, the only prerequisite for membership of the club is a willingness to have fun, a desire to realise your creative urge, learn to play the ukulele, and you can also sing along with the tunes, if you want to.

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Walking group seeks new members

COME and join us is the message from officials of a walking group who are keen to recruit new members in time for their next walk in Haskayne.

Ann Robinson, secretary of the West Lancs Footpath Group, is inviting walkers of all levels to join the next planned excursion starting at the Ship Inn on Rosemary Lane at 7pm on Wednesday, May 3.

The group's walks are around three to four miles long and on mostly flat terrain.

Ann said: "The walks have been running for several years. Originally they were organised by the footpath group in partnership with West Lancashire Council and the breweries. Now it is just us and the council as the breweries changed hands, although most of the walks start from local canal-side pubs.

"Everyone is welcome. We just advise that suitable clothing and footwear should be worn and that dogs be kept on a short lead. There will be two walks each month until August."

For more information, visit www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk.

Chance to get dogs checked and chipped at welfare roadshow

DOG owners are being offered the chance to have their pets checked over for free and get them microchipped at a Dog Welfare Roadshow to be held at Tanhouse Community Centre in Skelmersdale on Tuesday, April 25.

The event has been organised by West Lancashire Borough Council and the authority's environmental enforcement officers will be available between 11am and 6pm to advise on responsible dog ownership.

There will be free wellbeing checks for dogs performed by representatives of animal charity the PDSA, including nail-clipping and ear-cleaning from 11am to 6pm.

Dogs Trust representatives will be offering free microchipping for dogs between 11am and 3pm, while the PDSA will provide a microchipping service for a small fee of £10 between 3 and 6pm.

The queue for the Dogs Trust microchipping service and welfare checks will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 3pm.

Similarly, the queue for the PDSA micorchipping service will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 6pm.

New legislation came into force on April 6 2016 which made it compulsory for dogs in England to be microchipped and for owners' details to be kept up to date on the chip. Owners who fail to comply with the regulations can be fined up to £500.

As well as being a legal requirement, microchipping is a failsafe way to ensure if your pet is lost it can be re-united with you. Many vets and pet shops provide this at a small charge.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing and head of the dog control team, said: "This is a great opportunity for dog owners to have their dogs microchipped and for the pet to have a free wellbeing check.

"These events are always very popular so make sure you arrive in plenty of time for your dog to be seen to avoid disappointment."

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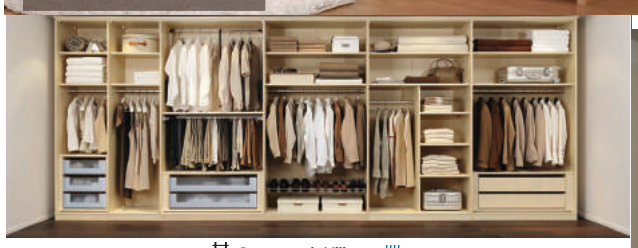

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Life was very different for Edge Hill student Jamie Harrison, just three months ago he was so unhappy with his size, which had gradually increased since he was around 17. He was dreading his graduation in July and what he'd look like in photographs.

He says, "I was so miserable with my weight and knew I had to do something about it. My housemate suggested we join Slimming World and, although I was very sceptical that anything would work and I'd convinced myself I would be left feeling hungry and deprived, I went along and I can honestly say I've never looked back.

"I was really nervous the first time I went to the group. I felt embarrassed and thought everyone would judge me for being overweight at such a young age.

"I couldn't have been more wrong though, everyone was really friendly and made me feel welcome. I've made lots of friends - of all ages - so I love going to group and seeing everyone every week now."

"The eating plan was very different from what I'd expected. I thought losing weight meant not eating very much or cutting out all of your favourite foods but it wasn't like that. I've never eat as well as I've eaten in the last three months and thanks to talking to other members in group and sharing ideas, I can still have all my favourite foods like burger and chips and I've learned a lot about food, I cook quite a few recipes for myself from scratch now so I'm not reliant on ready meals or junk food anymore. I've still been able to go out and socialise too which has definitely helped." Jamie 21 has lost 2st 7lb and dropped three sizes.

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West Lancashire super slimmer member Kerry Weston, has lost 2st 7lb, shrunk from a size 12/14 to a size 10, feels fantastic and says she couldn't have done it without the help and support of her Slimming World group .

The proud lady says: "Before I lost the weight I hated having my photo taken and whenever I saw pictures of myself I knew that my smile wasn't real. My weight impacted on so many aspects of my life, from struggling to cope with my ME illness, to not being able to do simple everyday tasks without feeling tired and aching."

She says: "Walking through those doors was one of the hardest things I've ever done, I was embarrassed and scared that I might be the be on my own. I needn't have worried though, everyone there was so friendly and caring from the moment I walked in, I felt right at home.

"Since then I've made so many friends at the group and I honestly say their help and support has been invaluable. They helped me with recipes and tips and if I was ever struggling they were always there to remind me why I'd wanted to lose weight in the first place and how far I'd come since first stepping through the doors. I now help those members if they need any ideas, I'm the first to offer."

"I still enjoy all my favourite meals like curry and chips and roast dinners but I've learned how to make small changes like using lean meat or cooking with low calorie spray instead of oil or butter. It fits in really well with the rest of my family and we can all eat the same meals. I know that I haven't 'gone on a diet', this is a change that I've made for life and have the tools I need to keep up forever.

I feel so much happier and healthier - my smile is definitely real now!"

KERRY'S DAILY MENU

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Police launch new safety campaign to mark start of 'biking season'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Crash victim Ian Entwistle's motorbike has been mounted to a display trailer which will tour the county as part of Lancashire Constabulary's road safety campaign

A NEW initiative aimed at increasing motorbike safety has been launched in Lancashire.

Officers from Lancashire Constabulary launched the campaign, entitled 'Are you on the right track?' on Easter weekend in memory of a biker who died following a collision two years ago.

Experienced 34-year-old rider Ian Entwistle was making a familiar journey from his home in Newton, Preston to his father's house in Freckleton in July 2015 when he collided with a slow-moving car which was indicating right after coming out of a left-hand bend.

Due to Ian's position as he approached the bend on this stretch of road, he wouldn't have been able to see the junction ahead or the car on his side of the road waiting to turn.

His position would have been more suited to a racetrack where the visibility and track layouts are very different.

Advice

He didn't have enough time to brake and avoid a collision and died from serious head and chest injuries in hospital later that day.

The Road Death Investigation Team and Lancashire Road Safety Partnership have had his blue-and-white Suzuki GSX-R 600 mounted to a display trailer which will be taken to popular meeting places for motorcyclists across Lancashire where officers will use the bike as a talking point for safety advice.

It will also be the centrepiece at this year's Isle of Man TT in June where officers will be attending to speak to some of the 30,000 riders who make the trip each year.

Inspector Andy Trotter said: "Easter marks the start of the biking season. By engaging with bikers early on, we hope to educate riders on hazard-awareness and rider errors that contribute towards collisions, which include wrong positioning around bends or at junctions and poorly-planned overtaking.

"Around 25% of all collisions that result in death or serious injury in Lancashire involve motorcycles and approximately 60% of all serious collisions involving motorbikes have some contributory factors relating to rider error."

County supports drive to recruit more adopters

STAFF at Lancashire County Council staff are supporting the North West Adoption Fortnight campaign.

The county council is always looking for adopters, but encouraging people to come forward to find out more about the different children who need permanent, loving homes will be the special focus of the regional campaign this month, which is running until Sunday, April 30.

This aims to highlight the need for adopters who can offer homes for children of all ages especially older children, siblings, children from black and ethnic minority (BME) and mixed heritage backgrounds, and children with specific needs.

The council is keen to hear from a broad range of prospective adopters, including single people and couples, same-sex and heterosexual, from all religious backgrounds or none.

There are no strict rules about whether people should have jobs, own their own homes or have their own children but adopters must be over 21 and live within or near Lancashire.

Amanda Hatton, the county council's director of children's services, said: "The need to find families for some of our most vulnerable children remains right at the heart of this regional campaign.

"We want to encourage people from all backgrounds to think about adoption. What matters most to us is that you can help a child recover from the reasons why they came in to care and provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

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Community groups urged to bid for building project funding in firm's initiative

Report by **Tom Martin**

COMMUNITY groups from across West Lancashire are being urged to apply for a slice of a £200,000 funding pot which is aimed at helping local building projects.

The money is being put up by building materials firm Jewson which is offering grants for anything from £500 to £10,000 to spend on building materials.

The initiative is called The 2017 Building Better Communities competition, and groups can also apply for the top prize of £50,000 for building materials and labour.

There is also the chance to nominate a 'Trade Hero' - a tradesperson who plays a big role in their area, whether it's a roofer who has fixed a leak in the village hall or a builder who has supported a local children's charity.

The winner of the Trade Hero category will receive £50,000 worth of building materials to enable them to complete a worthy community project.

Difference

Mark Rayfield, chief executive of Jewson, said: "Since Building Better Communities launched in 2015, we've seen the difference that the competition has had on local communities and charities.

"We know there are many more projects that could benefit out there, which is why we're encouraging people in the North West to nominate a cause close to their hearts.

"We've also introduced a new category for 2017 – the Trade Hero award. We know that tradespeople are working hard to help their communities on a regular basis and we really want to champion these people and enable the work they're doing."

Since the first year of the competition in 2015, Building Better Communities has helped more than 40 community projects across the UK.

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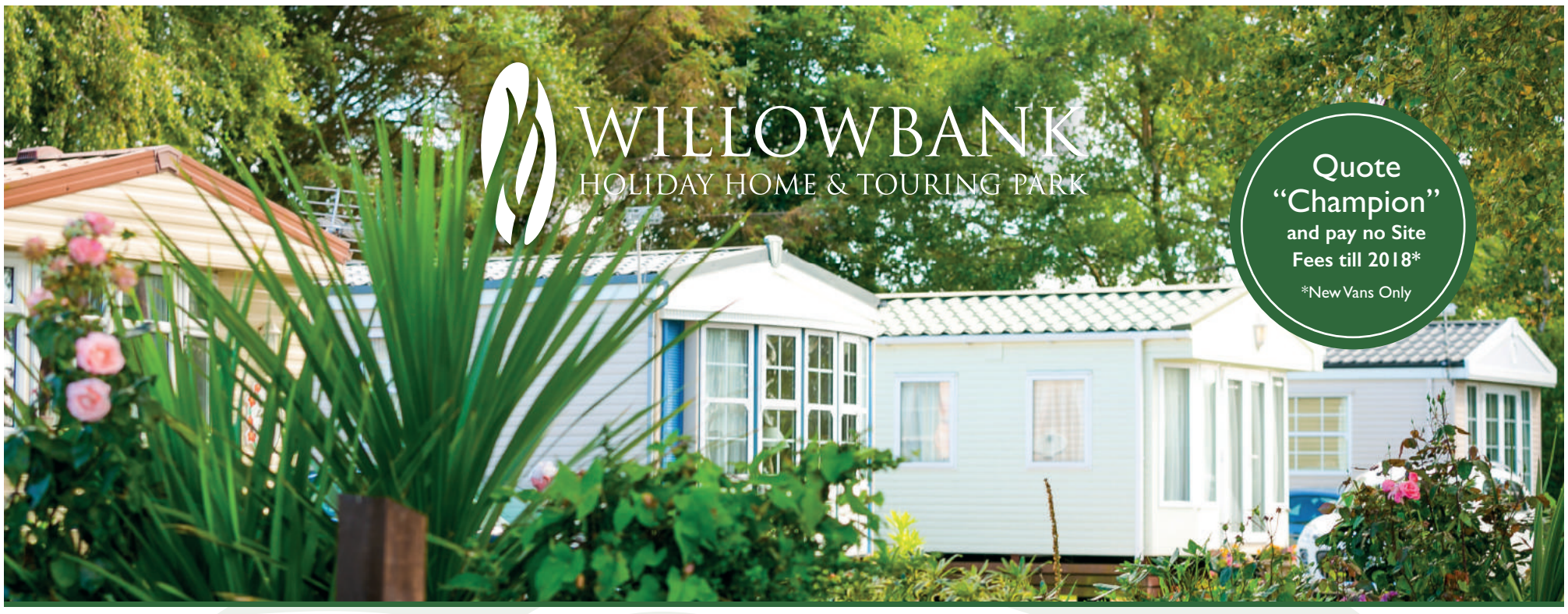

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Students given a 'masterclass' by acclaimed TV and film star

ACCLAIMED Liverpool actor, director and writer David Morrissey visited Edge Hill to give students an insight into his varied career.

Report by **Henry James**

An honorary graduate of the Ormskirk university, Morrissey, who played The Governor in acclaimed US TV series *The Walking Dead*, was in conversation with Edge Hill's Professor Roger Shannon and also took questions from students in attendance.

He said he is proud to be from the North West of England, "a place where the creative arts are taken seriously."

Morrissey, who is noted for meticulous preparation for and research into the roles he plays, spoke in detail about the techniques he uses to prepare for a new role and how he gets to know a character, saying he enjoys the challenge of different and testing roles.

He said: "I get bored very easily. I like the challenge of different characters, being frightened and nervous of the unknown. I find the idea that I could fall flat on my face exciting. For example, when I was in the Martin McDonagh play *Hangmen* in the West End earlier this year my knees were knocking every night as I was about to walk on stage. I thrive on that feeling."

The 52-year-old star, whose other standout performances include TV dramas, *Being Human* and *The Deal*, plus the film, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, advised students on ways to break into acting and the creative industries.

He also spoke about the current success of British actors in American television roles, and detailed the learning curve he encountered during his earliest professional roles and his time at Liverpool's Everyman Youth Theatre.

The event was organised by The Institute for Creative Enterprise (ICE), Edge Hill's practice-led and theoretically-grounded interdisciplinary research forum which connects the university with the digital and creative economy and with cultural institutions.

Professor Roger Shannon, director of ICE, said: "Blending tales of teenage beginnings at Liverpool's Everyman Youth Theatre with expert advice about screen roles, writing scripts, researching characters and the buzz of the film set, David Morrissey drew on a wealth of experience for stage and screen in his masterclass with EHU students.

"The event was both inspiring and all encompassing."

David Morrissey at Edge Hill University

Chance to make new 'connections' at friendly social group

WEST Lancs residents of all ages looking to make new friends and try out new activities are invited to attend the next meeting of the Bickerstaffe Connections group.

The group's monthly two-hour sessions feature activities including dominoes, draughts, boccia (similar to indoor bowls), chess, cards, games, puzzles, clay modelling, painting and knitting, and all are welcome to go along.

Next meeting is on Monday, May 8 from 1.30 to 3.30pm at the Four Lane Ends Mission in Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe.

One of the organisers, Edward McCarthy, said: "Bickerstaffe Connections is a friendly social group and we look forward to welcoming you to join us at regular social afternoons to enjoy a few happy hours out and about in a relaxed atmosphere sharing light refreshments and friendly company with others.

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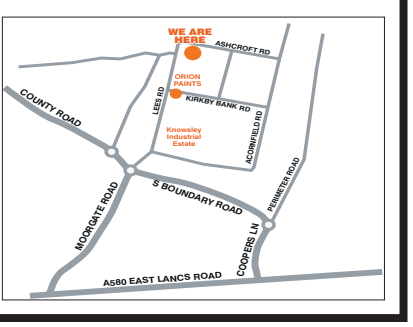

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Keynote speakers will include Dr Tony Lloyd, child psychotherapist and chief executive of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Foundation and Dr Madeleine Portwood, a prominent Specialist Educational Needs psychologist and clinical director for special education provider, the Witherslack Group.

Justine Sims, headteacher at Pontville School, said: "It really is an honour to be welcoming Dr Lloyd and Dr Portwood to our school. They are so well respected within the SEN community. I am sure our guests at the conference will take away with them a wealth of knowledge."

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Solo boating has taught me some important lessons for life

BY the time you read this I won't be here as I'm off on my river cruiser *Manxman* with my crew, collies Tina and Cinders.

So the 2017 boating season will have begun, the fourth since the death of my brother George. In that time I have discovered that it is quite possible for one rather older person to handle eight tons and 37ft of wooden stubbornness.

One bugbear is that you quickly find out that it is pointless trying to moor at a bank from which a strong wind is blowing. It is physically impossible to get from the wheel out onto the deck to collect mooring ropes before the vessel has been blown too far from the bank.

In fact, it could be said to be a lesson in life. If a thing looks impossible to achieve it's best not even to try.

In the case of boating, you'll avoid looking really silly and also potential damage to your boat - or someone else's. And you also learn that it is nearly always possible to achieve your goal by other means.

I have now learned quite a few new tricks of boat handling and it is surprising how much you can do single-handed. The trick is to plan ahead. With the aid of tide tables (it is always both easier and safer to moor against the tide) and the masthead pennant, make plans for what you want to do.

Of course, *Manxman* at 52 years of age is not equipped with modern aids such as a bow thruster - which would make life simpler. On the other hand you do learn at lot about boat handling without this modern aid.

And it can be a most magnificent boost to one's ego when you complete a manoeuvre just by your skill alone and without the horrible grinding noises you get when bow thrusters are in use. Until a few years ago, no-one had bow thrusters - and the world turned regardless.

Another lesson all this has taught me is that there is no shame in asking for help if it is available. I know I have always felt the better for it when I have gone to the aid of someone else in trouble, and I have discovered that most folk are only too ready to help if asked. There are exceptions of course - but frankly you're better off not knowing these miserable souls.

But the most important thing to learn about messing about in boats - or life in general - is that you are on a constant learning curve.

As an old boatman once told me: "Never trust anyone who says he knows everything about boat handling - he's either mad or bad, or possibly both."

One thing I have learned is that if a thing looks too difficult to do safely, it almost certainly is.

Single-handed boating has its advantages though. I can now moor for the night at all kinds of sylvan spots denied me when George was with me - a pub within easy walking distance was a necessity then. Now it's not.

And it can sometimes be pleasant simply to be on your own. I've always thought that if you can't get on with yourself, why on earth should you think you can get on with others?

One drawback that cannot be ignored though is time. When George and I were together on the boat for instance, one could be in the galley cooking dinner while the other steered *Manxman*.

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I'll tell you what though - I wouldn't give up my trips to Norfolk and Suffolk for free holidays on the Costa del Blackpool!

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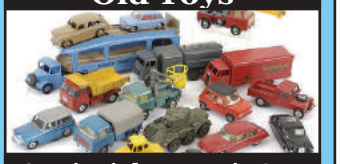

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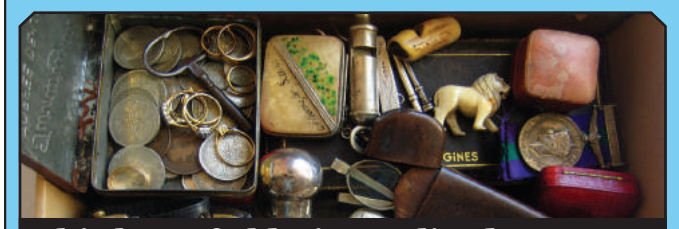

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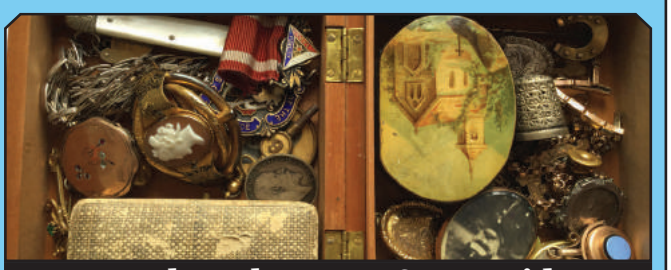

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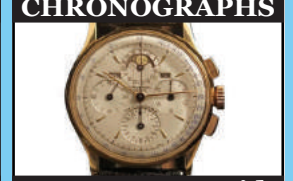

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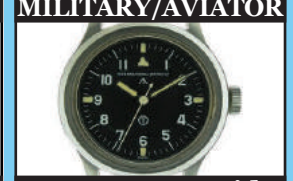

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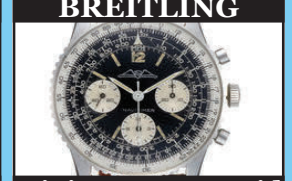

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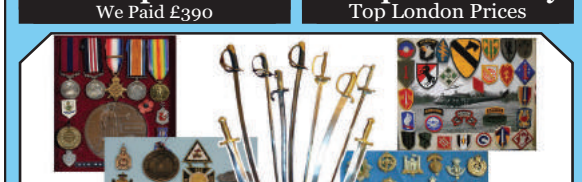

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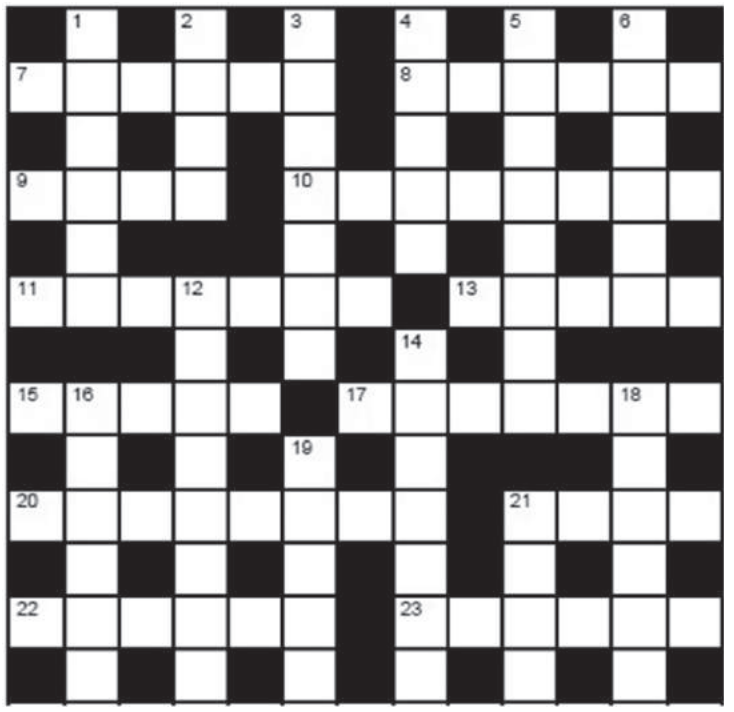

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3. Bewilder or perplex (7)
4. Banal, lacking in originality (5)
5. Person paid to help with cleaning and other menial tasks in the home (8)
6. Go back on a promise (6)
12. Acquisition of knowledge (8)
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Council pledges 'strong action' against dog owners who fail to get pets microchipped

Report by **Tom Martin**

WEST Lancs Council has warned dog owners in the borough that the authority will take "strong action" against people who fail to have their pets microchipped.

In April 2016, the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations came into force, requiring all dogs to have a microchip implant making it easier for them to be reunited with their owners if lost or stolen.

The legislation also required owners to keep details up to date, or again face prosecution.

In the 12 months since then West Lancs Council has handed out eight notices and taken two owners to court for falling foul of the law.

Dogs Trust statistics show that 4,808 strays were reunited with their owners in 2015-2016, across the UK, some of these as a direct result of microchipping.

Across the UK as a whole local councils have issued 2,751 enforcement notices to owners since the legislation came into force - 1,464 for dogs that weren't chipped and 1,287 for owners whose details were incorrect on the microchip database.

The average fine issued to dog owners was £340, with the maximum penalty recorded as £500. It's estimated that fines will total around £73,000 over the next five years.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council takes strong action regarding the legislation on the microchipping of dogs and has served four warning notices to owners over their pets not being microchipped.

"A further four warning notices have been served to owners due to the owners' details not being up-to-date on the microchip.

"Where these are not complied with, the matters are then taken to court, and the maximum fine is £500.

"On two occasions the council has taken successful legal action against owners for failing to comply with notices ordering them to have their dog microchipped and provide proof to the council this had been done.

"On each occasion the owner was fined £220 and also had to pay costs and a victim surcharge.

"As well as being a legal requirement, microchipping is a failsafe way to ensure if your pet is lost it can be re-united with you. Many vets and pet shops provide this at a small charge."

Alex Jackson, head of campaigns at Dogs Trust, added: "We hope to see the total number of people complying with the law increase significantly over the next few years.

"It's essential that in addition to getting their dogs microchipped, the details on the database are up-to-date, to ensure they have the best possible chance of being reunited with their pet should they become lost.

"It's also a legal requirement for dogs to wear a collar and tag displaying the owner's name and address when out in public.

"It's not just owners that need to be mindful of the law, breeders and potential buyers of puppies must ensure they comply with the legislation, which states that all puppies over the age of eight weeks should be microchipped and registered to their breeder. We encourage anyone buying a puppy to ensure they are aware of the requirements."

It is a legal requirement to have dogs microchipped

County's new High Sheriff sworn in

New High Sheriff of Lancashire, Robert Mitchel Webb

THE new High Sheriff of Lancashire has been officially sworn in at a special ceremony at County Hall, Preston.

Appointed by the Queen, Robert Mitchel Webb takes over from predecessor John Barnett.

The High Sheriff's historic role is to 'protect and assist in upholding the dignity and well-being of Her Majesty's judges and to project the principles of encouraging responsible citizenship and respect for the diversity of the community which lie at the heart of our constitution.'

It is a purely voluntary role and the High Sheriff does not receive any salary or expenses.

A former director of the John Hogg Group and Lancaster Magistrate, Robert has made an important contribution to many aspects of life in Lancashire since he moved to the county 41 years ago.

He said: "It is a tremendous honour to be chosen to represent the people of Lancashire as High Sheriff by Her Majesty the Queen.

"I have always been interested in the criminal justice system and the High Sheriff makes an important contribution to this in Lancashire.

"During my year in office I will do my best to give my full support to everyone involved in upholding law and order, and also to the many charity and community groups, who do so much for the people of Lancashire."

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Home residents benefit from therapy pet Brad's canine capers

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs nursing home were given the chance to sample a different kind of therapy - courtesy of a four-legged friend!

To celebrate National Pet Month, staff at Stocks Hall in Burscough welcomed 'pet therapy' dog Brad and his owner Eileen to the home in Liverpool Road South.

Pets As Therapy is a national charity founded in 1983 to provide therapeutic visits to hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes special needs schools and a variety of other venues all across the UK. The charity aims to enhance health and well-being in the community through the visits of trusted volunteers with their specially-trained pets.

Stocks Hall activities co-ordinator, Denise Corvan, said: "Therapy dogs such as Brad can have a positive impact on the mood of people living in our homes, as well as our visitors.

"Regular visits from Brad have shown to relieve loneliness among less social or outgoing residents who find group interaction difficult.

Stocks Hall resident Bill Machel with pets therapy dog Brad

"Not all residents want to handle the dog and some benefit just from watching Brad interact with others. It's been wonderful to welcome him as part of the Stocks family here at the home.

"Brad is a delightful little character who can perform tricks and entertain with his playful approach and interaction. We would like to thank Brad, Eileen and Pets As Therapy for this wonderful opportunity."

Cattery plans submitted

PLANS have been submitted to create a new cattery in Ormskirk.

Applicants, Mr and Mrs Holder, have applied to West Lancs Council for planning permission to create a 10-unit cattery, storage area and three extra car parking spaces at The Cottage in Narrow Moss Lane.

The design and access statement submitted with the application states: 'The proposed cattery will consist of 10 standard cattery units in a row. These will consist of two distinct areas, sleeping quarters and an exercise area. Each unit will contain up to two cats from the same household only.'

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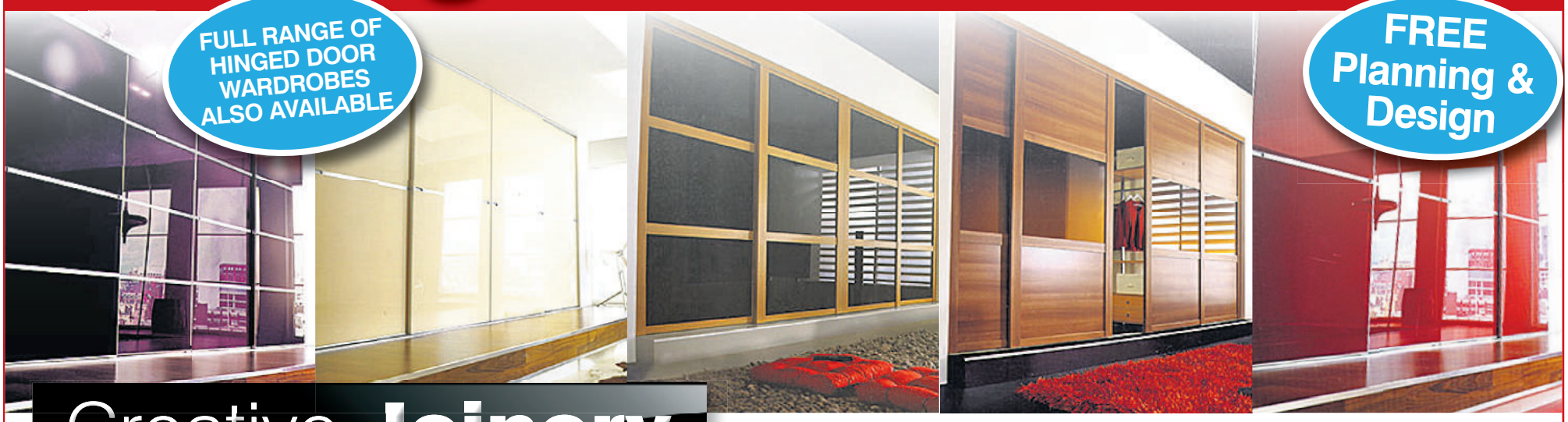

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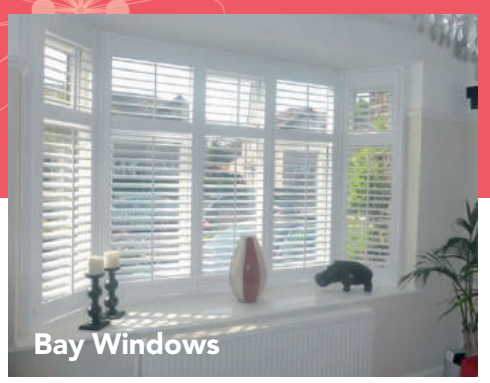
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A LEADING housebuilder, which has a development in Ormskirk, has been given top marks for customer service - for a record 12th consecutive year.

Staff at McCarthy & Stone North West, the team behind the Coronation Court retirement complex in County Road, are celebrating after achieving another five-star satisfaction rating in an independent survey by the Home Builders Federation (HBF).

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The team from Burscough Diving Club show off their haul of medals from the North West Diving Regional Skills Championships in Manchester

Young divers book their places in national championships

TALENTED members of a West Lancs-based diving club really made a splash when they took part in the North West Diving Regional Skills Championships at the Manchester Aquatics Centre.

Competing against divers from across the North West, the eight youngsters from Burscough Diving Club all secured places in the ASA National Skills Championships to be held at the London Olympic Pool in July.

Olivia Sumner, Jenna Byrne, Holly Curran, and Leon Ferra collected gold medals; Charlie Hutchinson and Katie Gardner both won sliver; and Joseph Gerrard-Price and Evie Grimes took bronze.

Burscough Diving Club's head coach, Carlos Ferra, said: "Our excellent diving programme run within the club has showed its worth as our young diving team excelled against some very experienced divers. The fact we are taking eight divers to compete at a national competition shows what talent and support from families can achieve in such a small time."

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LORD and Lady Derby were guests of honour when the Lathom Park Trust held their annual general meeting at the Briars Hall Hotel.

Trust chairman, Paul Kenyon, gave an illustrated talk on the life of Charlotte De La Tremoille, the Countess of Derby, who gallantly defended Lathom House from Parliamentarian forces in 1644 during the English Civil War in what became known as the first siege of Lathom.

Lord Derby is the patron of the Lathom Park Trust.

● **Right: Guests at the meeting including Lord and Lady Derby.**

Homes plan for former school field

A FORMER school playing field could be redeveloped for housing in Aughton.

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The cast of Totally Tina

Justine is 'simply the best'

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TWO of my all-time favourite singers are Etta James and Tina Turner. Last week, I reviewed The Etta James Story, starring Vika Bull, at Liverpool's Epstein Theatre for the Champion and gave it 10 out of 10, one of the best live shows I have seen, *writes Ron Ellis.*

Now, just a week later, Justine Riddoch turns up at the Southport Theatre, as Tina Turner, in another action-packed show backed by a five-piece band comprising keyboard, sax, two guitars and drums.

In addition, four glamorous female dancers strutted their stuff alongside Tina as she threw herself wholeheartedly into a non-stop dancing routine that would put gold medal gymnasts to shame.

As a backdrop to the action on stage, a giant screen featured various images and scenes including a pastiche of James Bond film clips when she sang GoldenEye.

Even the costumes, handmade, were replicas of those worn by Tina.

Unfortunately, the sound mix did not do the musicians justice with the bass overshadowing the vocals giving a rather muffled effect.

This was not so much a life of Tina Turner, though, as a collection of her hits plus a few other soul numbers, like Arthur Conley's Sweet Soul Music, sung in Tina's inimitable style.

It was in 1960 when Ike and Tina Turner first hit the American charts with A Fool in Love and It's Gonna Work Out Fine yet, disappointingly, neither of these numbers were included in the show. All we got from the early years were Proud Mary, Nutbush City Limits and, Tina's solo for Phil Spector, River Deep Mountain High.

Of course, it was in the 1980's when Tina became a superstar in Britain and most of the concert was taken up with those hits, like The Best, We Don't Need Another Hero and What's Love Got To With It?, and these were the numbers that brought the crowd to life, urged on by exhortations from the stage.

What was missing from the show, apart from the early hits, was a chronological sequence of songs showing Tina's development as an artiste and, perhaps, an accompanying storyline documenting highlights of her life. Otherwise, it becomes just another simple tribute act.

But judged as a simple tribute act, it is easy to see why Justine, a Liverpool girl, has been voted the U.K.'s Official No. 1 Tribute to Tina Turner.

Many tribute shows attract casual theatregoers, fixated with misplaced nostalgia, who find themselves cruelly seduced by cheap (and even expensive) imitations. But this is not one of those. Justine and her band perform the songs with all the gusto and style of Tina Turner to produce a show well worth the admission.

Star Rating: 7 out of 10. A great musical performance but could be so much more as a biography.

Sir Ken returning to resort to spread some happiness

THERE is a chance to see a national treasure at Southport theatre on Saturday, May 13 at 7pm.

Sir Ken Dodd, who is celebrating 60 years of entertaining audiences, is bringing his Ken Dodd's Happiness Show to the town.

During the night he will tell non-stop gags and sing a selection of songs presented in Dodd's unique and varied style: Everything from ballads to grand opera.

He became a professional entertainer in 1954 and just a little more than 10 years later he made his debut at the famous London Palladium – where he enjoyed an unprecedented record breaking 42 week sell-out season.

In 1965 he replaced his fellow Merseysiders, The Beatles (then at the peak of their popularity) from the No.1 spot in the pop charts with Tears and today it proudly occupies 10th position in the Top 20 best-selling records of all time.

His string of hits includes Love Is Like A Violin and his signature tune Happiness. Singing also plays a prominent part in his stage act. His vocal range includes everything from the classics to pop music and even grand opera.

But it is his work as a comedian that stamps Dodd out as a showbiz legend.

Indeed, away from his hectic touring schedule, Ken became recipient of the prestigious Living Legend award from The British Comedy Society. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the British Comedy Awards and has been voted The Greatest Merseysider of all time – an accolade which relegated John Lennon and Paul McCartney into joint runner-up spot.

He was recently voted Legend of Comedy 2014 in the prestigious Leicester Festival of Comedy.

Sir Ken Dodd

He's been a bill-topper throughout his entire career and has starred in countless Royal Variety Shows (the most recent in the presence of HM The Queen and The Duke Of Edinburgh) and in sell-out record-breaking seasons at theatres like the London Palladium and Blackpool Opera House.

He was knighted in the 2017 New Year Honours for his entertainment and charity work.

Popular musical working its way back

DUE to public demand, the producers of Jersey Boys are delighted to announce a second UK & Ireland Tour.

The production will play the Liverpool Empire Theatre from January 10 to 20, 2018. Tickets are on sale now

Jersey Boys first opened in London at the Prince Edward Theatre on March 18 2008 and moved to the Piccadilly Theatre in March 2014. The Olivier Award-winning West End production closed at the end of March following nine years in London. The first UK & Ireland Tour of Jersey Boys was a record-breaking success and ran for 18 months, from September 4, 2014 to March 5, 2016.

Jersey Boys is the remarkable true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and their rise to stardom from the wrong side of the tracks.

These four boys from New Jersey became one of the most successful bands in pop history, were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and sold 175 million records worldwide, all before they turned 30.

The show is packed with their hits, including Beggin', Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back to You, Fallen Angel, Rag Doll and Who Loves You.

Winner of Broadway's Tony, London's Olivier and Australia's Helpmann Awards for Best New Musical, Jersey Boys is the winner of 57 major awards worldwide and has been seen by over 24 million people worldwide.

Jersey Boys can currently be seen across the United States on its US National Tour. The Broadway production closed on January 15, 2017 as the 12th longest running show in Broadway history.

The cast of Jersey Boys. Photo by Helen Maybanks

Jersey Boys is written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music by Bob Gaudio and lyrics by Bob Crewe.

The National / UK & Ireland Tour production is staged by the entire original Broadway creative team, led by director Des McAnuff and choreographer Sergio Trujillo, with scenic design by Klara Zieglerova, costume design by Jess Goldstein, lighting by Howell Binkley, sound by Steve Canyon Kennedy and projection design by Michael Clark. The orchestrations are by Steve Orich and the music supervision and vocal arrangements by Ron Melrose.

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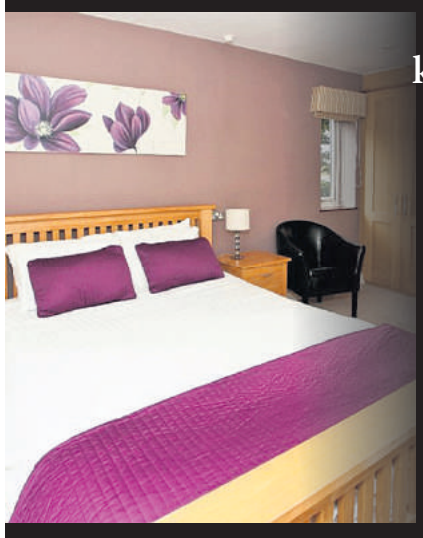

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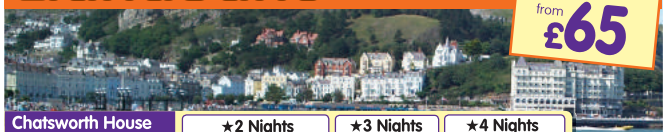

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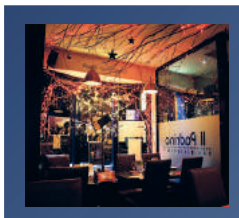

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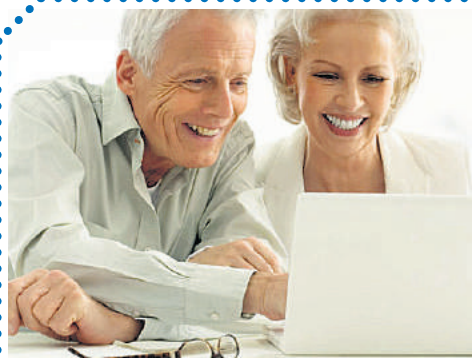

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(Make Request).

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9th April 2017
Aged 88 years

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HOUGHTON ALMA

On the 10th of April 2017
Aged 89 years

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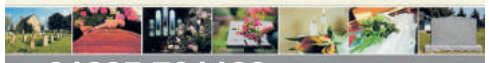

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0312/FUL Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence and gates at 49 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.

Application No: 2017/0324/FUL Development including change of use & remodelling of existing space from vacant office/retail accommodation into office and 4 No. bed student HMO accommodation with the provision of new second floor extension to form additional bedroom, with associated external alterations at 37 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/0361/FUL 2 storey extensions at the rear; new roof to the existing garage at side and adaptations to existing house at 20 Tan House Lane, Parbold.

Application No: 2017/0387/FUL Internal and external alterations to existing public house at Cock And Bottle, 70 Church Road, Tarleton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 19th April 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT945

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, SINEACRE LANE AND STOPGATE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss Lane, Sineacre Lane and Stopgate Lane, Bickerstaffe from Siding Lane to Coach Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 to 1800 from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 26th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coach Road – Barrow Nook Lane – Hall Lane – Church Road – Liverpool Road (Moving into Knowsley District) Cunscough Lane – Bank Lane – County Road – South Boundary Road – Perimeter Road – North Perimeter Road – Dale Lane – Pingwood Lane – Stopgate Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out. Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7104/WH]

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(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, Lathom from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 29th April 2017 until 0800 hours on Sunday 30th April 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Bleak Lane – Wood Lane – Wanes Blades Road – Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing replacement works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/6751/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COBBS BROW LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh from Ash Brow to Tabbys Nook.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cobbs Brow Lane – Cobbs Clough Road – Glenburn Road – Houghtons Road – Stannought Road – Windmill Road – Newgate Road – Ormskirk Road – Mill Lane – Beacon Lane – Higher Lane – Ash Brow and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7097/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LATHOM ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe from Lyelake Lane to Stanley Gate.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road – Lyelake Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7105/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEACON LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Beacon Lane, Parbold from Higher Lane to Mill Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Higher Lane – Ash Brow – Cobbs Brow Lane – Cobbs Clough Road – Glenburn Road – Houghtons Road – Stannought Road – Windmill Road – Newgate Road – Ormskirk Road – Mill Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7099/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PINFOLD LANE & MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pinfold Lane and Morris Lane, Halsall from Southport Road to Small Lane North.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road – Gorsuch Lane – Halsall Road – North Moor Lane – Small Lane North and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7107/WH]

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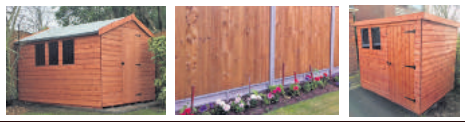
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GIVE the Government credit where it's due. It's stuck to its promises and handed power back to Britain's towns and cities – about 475bhp, by my reckoning.

That's roughly how much the Cosworth V8 in a Saudia-Williams FW06 F1 car makes, as driven by Alan Jones and Clay Regazzoni in the late 1970s, when they'd have been able to use every last inch of its power on the world's race circuits. But if you'd seen the same car doing its lap of honour at Ormskirk's MotorFest event it would've been limited, for legal reasons, to the same 30mph your mum's Fiesta does on the town's one-way system.

Until now. After years of talking about it Whitehall's finally gone ahead and lifted the ban on cars doing more than the speed limit at one-off events.

In recent years it has technically been possible to have Ferraris and Jaguars do high speed runs on closed-off British roads, but as it was very complicated and involved obtaining an Act of Parliament very few actually bothered.

But as of last Monday it's now much easier to stage races, sprints and various other forms of motorsport on public roads and in town centres – which I reckon is definitely a good thing.

F1 cars have long been a big draw at the Ormskirk MotorFest

Take the MotorFest. Every year it brings roughly 15,000 of you into the West Lancashire market town for a bit of high-octane fun, making it Ormskirk's busiest trading day.

It's a great event, but imagine how much more compelling it'd be if you could watch F1 cars, Jaguar D-types and rally-prepped Subaru Imprezas being given the beans on the one-way system. Obviously these closed-off roads would be properly policed and 'elf 'n' safety' checked until the organiser's desk creaks under the weight of paperwork, but the adrenalin rush of great cars being driven as their makers intended would boost all the businesses nearby. In fact, enterprising so-and-sos could use these new powers for all sorts of things.

I'd love to see Lord Street in Southport turned into a sprint course for an afternoon – my bet's that a Lamborghini Huracan would easily beat a Ferrari 488 in a dash from Duke Street to the fire station. Half Mile Island in Skelmersdale could easily host a round of the British Drift Championship. And what about the Parbold Hill Climb?

I'm sure that precisely none of these ideas will end up anywhere other than the bottom of a beer glass, but it's nice to know we're legally allowed to.

David is the editor of Classic Car Weekly.

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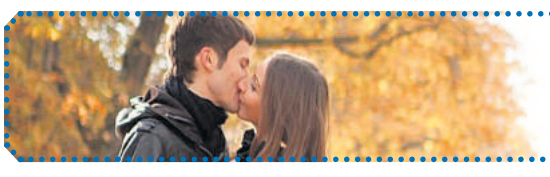

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Linnets hit for four at Ossett

Ossett Albion 4
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH lost their final away game of the season after conceding four goals at Ossett Albion.

It was a difficult afternoon for the Linnets, who were on the backfoot for most of the match and struggled to create a lot of clear cut chances.

Connor Brunt for the home side scored the first two of their goals, with the others coming from Dave Bordman and Brad Hennessey.

Burscough's last game of the season is this Saturday at home to Ramsbottom Town.

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Feisty encounter gives ex-boss bragging rights

Skelmersdale United 0
Marine 3

Marine keeper Paul Phillips saves from Remy Howarth. Pictures by John Driscoll.

THERE may not be much left to play for at Skelmersdale United, but bragging rights in a local derby is always worth the battle, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The big story of the day saw the return of former manager Tommy Lawson, now in charge of Marine, after he was controversially sacked in January after 11 years.

The Marine line-up contained five former Skelmersdale players with another four on the substitutes' bench. A fact that just added to the spice of the occasion,

It took Marine precisely three minutes to grab the lead. A loose pass from the home defence went to former Skem legend Kenny Strickland, and he released ex- Skem striker Dan Mitchley down the inside right channel to despatch a thunderous drive into the far corner of the net from 15 yards.

Skem had their best chance of the half on 25 minutes when the energetic Howarth latched onto a cross field ball and was one on one with keeper Phillips, but he pulled off a terrific save.

There was something of the counter-attack about Marine's second goal on 37 minutes.

Left-back James Short was known for his overlapping runs when he was at Skem and after such a run he crossed into the centre of the penalty area, from where Hamilton got above everyone to head firmly into the corner of the net.

After the interval Howarth took the ball to the line and drove it into the penalty area, and Marine right-back Kisimba Kisimba handled the ball and a penalty was given.

Up stepped Skelmersdale's former Liverpool player Irwin, however, his well struck spot-kick was too central and Phillips was able to rescue Marine with an excellent save.

The penalty miss was crucial because two minutes later an error gave Mitchley the chance to make it 3-0 and he didn't waste it.

Skem's 17 year old goalkeeper Joe Hilton miskicked a clearance and the ball was fed to Mitchley, who after fending off a defender slotted home.

Tempers took over after the third Marine goal. Phil Mooney put in an over the top challenge on Marine midfielder Mike Brewster which led to a punch up.

Marine defender Adam Hughes was then in a clash with Mooney and after verbal confrontations between the benches, referee Sam Mulhall duly dismissed Mooney, with Hughes escaping punishment.

The margin probably flattered Marine. They were definitely the better side on the day and their experience proved to be the difference against the Skelmersdale youngsters.

Adam Hughes and Phil Mooney clash.

Skem show spirit to battle back from two goals to earn share of points

Coalville Town 3
Skelmersdale United 3

SKELMERSDALE produced a spirited comeback to overturn a 2-0 deficit to earn a deserved point on Saturday.

Manager Alan Rogers said in his post match interview that he was unhappy with his side's first-half performance, but also gave his players credit for the way they struck back after the interval.

Skelmersdale were caught cold for the opening goal in the fifth minute. Marcus Marshall's low shot beating goalkeeper Joe Hilton.

Coalville continued to put pressure on Skem and got a second on 28 minutes.

The ball was rolled out by Hilton and instead of booting the ball long a series of short passes succeeded only in dangerously giving the ball away.

Watson pounced and played the ball to Malachai Lavelle-Moore, he was allowed too much room and after switching the ball from right to left foot fired a storming shot past Hilton from 15 yards.

Skelmersdale pulled one back on 48 minutes. Coalville were a bit lacklustre in their response to Allen's free-kick and after a poor headed clearance Bevan Burey drilled a shot low inside the post from around 15 yards out.

The goal massively lifted Skelmersdale. Two minutes later out on the right, Remy Howarth and Jefferies exchanged passes and the latter crossed deep into goalmouth. Irwin who is only about 5 foot eight, ran in between two defenders and launched a flying header powerfully into the net. Coalville restored their lead when a long ball from Bryant was missed by two defenders leaving Watson one on one with Hilton, he rounded the keeper and slotted home from an acute angle.

Three minutes into added time and Skem had an equiliser.

Howarth's cross to the far post was headed down by Michael Vaughan-Muscat and home goalkeeper could only parry the ball away. Mooney's run carried him into the six yard box and he beat Cotton from about four yards to tie the game up.

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